for establishment of the termfnal on Build, Operate and Transfer basis.

Allotting a berth for unloading cement at Cochin Port Trust

718. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANS PORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Cochin Port Trust accepted the bid to allot a berth for unloading the cement and recommended to Government for approval;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government rejected the recommendations of the Cochin Port Trust; and

(d) if so, the reasons for rejecting the proposal after it was approved by the Ministry earlier?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Cochin Port Trust have forwarded two proposals for setting up of Cement Unloading and Packaging Terminals on the basis of offers received in response to Press Advertisement.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The Project has been turned down in view of the environmental consideration and objections from the State Government.

Extension of National Highway No. 8A

719. SHRI ANANTRAY DE VSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any demand for the extension of National Highway No. 8A from Gandhidham to Jakha'u via Mundra and Mandvi port in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN):

(a) and (b) Yes, Sir. There has been a demand from Hon'ble Member of Parliament for extending NH No. 8-A from Gandhidham onwards to Jakhau via Mundra and Mandvi Port. However, no such proposal has come from the State Government.

(c) and (d) As and when such proposal is received from the State Government, the same would be considered alongwith the proposals of other States subject to availability of funds and inter-se priority.

Allocation of Funds to Maharashtra From CRF

720. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the accruals of Central Road Fund (CRF) on the basis of consumption of petrol for the last three years for Maharashtra and actual allocations made to the state from CRF during the said period, year-wise;

(b) the present balance share of the State in that regard; and

(c) by when the entire share of CRF of Maharashtra is to be released?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) The share/allocation of funds during the last three years of Maharashtra is as under:—

Year	Amount (Rs. in lakhs) Tentative Accruals	Allocation
1995-96	270.34	172.00
1996-97	270.34	62.00
1997-98	270.34	63.00

(b) Rs. 1293.63 lakhs.